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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 208, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to child care subsidies.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 208, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 208.046, to read as follows:

208.046. 1. The children's division shall promulgate rules to become effective July 1, 2013, to modify the income eligibility criteria for receipt of child care subsidy benefits for any person employed and caring for children as follows:

- (1) For incomes of less than one hundred thirty percent of the federal poverty level for the applicable family size, recipients shall receive full child care subsidy benefits;
- (2) For incomes of one hundred thirty percent to one hundred eighty-five percent of the federal poverty level for the applicable family size, recipients shall receive child care subsidy benefits reduced proportionately based on income in excess of one hundred thirty percent of the federal poverty level for the applicable family size;
- (3) For incomes in excess of one hundred eighty-five percent of the federal poverty level for applicable family size, persons shall be ineligible for child care subsidy benefits.
- 2. Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the imposition of a fee to child care subsidy benefit recipients based on gross income and family unit size and

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14 based on a child care sliding fee scale established by the division. The sliding scale fee may

15 be waived for children with special needs as established by the division.

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